

Inspection Procedures

WAC 296-878-130

Rule

WAC 296-878-13005

Inspect the area to be cleaned

You must

- Inspect the building before cleaning to make sure there are no areas that can damage worker fall protection equipment and window-cleaning equipment. Inspect:
 - Sharp edges of parapets
 - Window frames
 - Open projected windows
 - Cornices
 - Overhangs
 - Any other areas that may abrade, sever, weaken, or damage the equipment
- Make sure all working surfaces are safe and free from hazards such as:
 - Grease
 - Oil
 - Other slippery substances

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Inspect window-cleaning equipment before use

You must

(1) Store your window-cleaning equipment in a way that:

- Is easy to get to, inspect, and safely take out for use
- Provides protection from moisture, sunlight, or corrosion

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You must

(2) Make sure a **competent person** inspects these items before each use:

- Window-cleaners' belts
- Boatswains' chairs
- All components of rope descent systems
- Suspension devices
- Certified roof anchorages
- **Primary support** ropes or lines
- The descent device
- **Carabiners** or shackles
- A seatboard or **boatswain's chair**
- Wear points on rope descent system components exposed to constant friction

(3) Make sure you don't use any piece of window-cleaning equipment with defects.

- Prohibit makeshift repairs to any piece of window-cleaning equipment
- Label any piece of window-cleaning equipment that is defective "dangerous, do not use"

(4) Secure any padding or softeners so they don't come loose from:

- The surface of the building
- The rope if not attached to the building

